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SUBJECT: REPORTED STATEMENT OF SHEIKH ZAYID ON CUT-OFF OF
OIL SUPPLIES TO U.S.

REF: ABU DHABI 714, 1196

1. RE YOUR 1196, INTERVIEW PUBLISHED AL HAWADESS DATED
AUGUST 23, DATE OF INTERVIEW UNKNOWN. SUMMARY TRANSLA-
TION IN BEIRUT NEWS DIGEST, THE ARAB WORLD, AGREES IN
SENSE BUT NOT IN LANGUAGE WITH TRIB VERSION. IN KEY
PASSAGE, ZAYID ENDED LENGTHY ADMONITION TO US BY SAYING,
"EITHER YOU STOP YOUR SUPPORT OF ISRAEL OR SHOULD THE
CONSEQUENCES." ARAB WORLD VERSION CONTINUES THAT UAE
FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY SEIF EL GHOBASHI INTERRUPTED TO
WARN ZAYID THAT HIS STATEMENTS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS
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THREAT TO HALT OIL FLOW TO AMERICA. SILENCING HIM,

ZAYID REPORTEDLY SAID: "IF THE ARABS DECIDE TO
WITHHOLD THEIR OIL FROM AMERICA, WE WILL CERTAINLY
DO LIKEWISE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE ARAB STAND,
WHETHER IT IS TO HALT THE OIL FLOW OR THE OPPOSITE.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO REALIZE A UNITED STAND."

2. IN SIMILAR INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT AL ANWAR
AUGUST 9, ZAYID REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE ARE USING OUR OIL
NOW TO DEVELOP OUR COUNTRY, RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS
OF OUR PEOPLE AND MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS. THIS IN
ITSELF IS A DECISIVE WEAPON. THE UAE, WHICH IS PART
OF THE ARAB NATION, WILL NOT FALL BEHIND IF THERE IS
ARAB UNANIMITY TO USE THE OIL AS A POLITICAL WEAPON
FOR REGAINING THE USURPED ARAB RIGHTS."

3. POUCHING ARAB WORLD VERSION BOTH INTERVIEWS AND
ARABIC TEXT HAWADESS INTERVIEW. BUFFUM

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